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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS REGARDING SECURITY COUNCIL
CONSIDERATION OF NAMIBIA

REF: USUN 01465

1. FOLLOWING UP AMBASSADOR LEONARD'S CONVERSATION OF APRIL 15 WITH INDIAN AMBASSADOR JAIPAL REGARDING SECURITY COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF NAMIBIA (REF), UK AMBASSADOR MURRAY SPOKE WITH JAIPAL APRIL 17 ON SAME SUBJECT. JAIPAL, WHO HAS TAKEN ACTIVE INTEREST IN RESOLVING QUESTION OF TIMING OF FORMAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING, REPORTEDLY BELIEVES THAT FORMAL MEETING WOULD BE USEFUL AND ADVISES THAT SUPPORT IS NOW BREWING FOR HOLDING SUCH A MEETING THIS WEEK. JAIPAL ALSO BELIEVES THAT THERE IS NO HOPE OF GETTING SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION ON A RESOLUTION PRIOR TO THE SPECIAL SESSION AND THAT CONTACT GROUP WOULD BE IMPRUDENT TO ENCOURAGE SUCH ACTION. JAIPAL IS PREPARED TO MAKE A SUBSTANTIVE SPEECH IN THE COUNCIL AND FEELS THAT FORMAL MEETING WOULD PROVIDE FIVE WITH USEFUL OPPORTUNITY TO DISARM CRITICISM OF PROPOSAL.

2. IN RESPONSE TO JAIPAL'S QUESTION OF WHETHER THE FIVE MIGHT AGREE IN ADVANCE NOT TO TABLE A RESOLUTION THIS WEEK, MURRAY REPORTEDLY REPLIED THAT THE FIVE WOULD NOT WANT TO COMMIT THEMSELVES BUT THAT IT COULD CERTAINLY BE PRESUMED THAT THE FIVE WOULD NOT TABLE A RESOLUTION THIS WEEK. MURRAY WENT ON TO NOTE THAT IT WOULD BE HIGHLY ABNORMAL FOR A COUNCIL MEETING TO BE CONVENED ON THE CONDITION THAT

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IT NOT RESULT IN ACTION. JAIPAL AGREED.

3. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, AND DESPITE AFRICAN GROUP LETTER TO SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT (SEPTTEL), OPPOSING FORMAL COUNCIL MEETING THIS WEEK, CONTACT GROUP AGREED PM APRIL 17 THAT SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT SHOULD MEET OFFICIALLY AM APRIL 18 WITH AFRICAN MEMBERS OF COUNCIL. AT THAT MEETING WE WOULD:

- A) EXPRESS CONTINUING DESIRE OF FIVE TO HAVE FORMAL COUNCIL CONSIDERATION OF NAMIBIA THIS WEEK IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FIVE WITH CHANGE PUBLICLY TO EXPLAIN AND PUT INTO CONTEXT OUR PROPOSAL FOR A NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT;
 - B) SUGGEST TWO SESSIONS (EITHER TWO ON WEDNESDAY, OR ONE WEDNESDAY AND ONE THURSDAY);
 - C) ASSURE THEM THAT THE COUNCIL SESSIONS WOULD DEFINITELY BE ADJOURNED PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SPECIAL SESSION. (CONTACT GROUP BELIEVES COUNCIL MEETINGS SHOULD SPECIFICALLY BE ADJOURNED UNTIL EARLY MAY WITH THE DECLARED HOPE THAT COUNCIL CONSIDERATION COULD BE CONCLUDED BY MID-MAY.
- GROUP ALSO AGREED THAT IF THE QUESTION OF A RESOLUTION

WAS RAISED BY THE AFRICANS, WE WOULD RESPOND:

- A) WE DO NOT NOW INTEND TO TABLE A RESOLUTION;
- B) PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES MAKE ACHIEVING AN ACCEPTABLE RESOLUTION PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE;
- C) NEVERTHELESS, WE WOULD NOT WISH TO MAKE A COMMITMENT NOT TO DO SO.

4. MEETING WITH AFRICAN MEMBERS OF SECURITY COUNCIL
IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR 10:30 APRIL 18.
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